(a) the names of offices now held at Ramavarmapuram.

(b) whether there is accommodation there to hold any more offices ;

(c) whether the Government has any idea of shifting any more offices to that place ; and if so, which of the offices ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 1. Office of the Comptroller of Accounts.

2. Office of the Conservator of Forests.
3. Office of the Superintendent of Anchal.
4. Office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
5. Office of the Protector of Depressed Classes.
6. Office of the Board of Examiners.
7. Office of the Assistant Engineer, Central Division.

(b) Yes.

(c) The shifting of the Land Record Office is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any other office that is intended to be shifted to Ramavarmapuram? The shifting of the Land Record Office is under consideration. Is there any other office than the Land Records Office?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Could not the office of the Health Officer be located in that place?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For one thing that question has not been considered. I don't think that there is space enough to shift any more offices.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether all the buildings there are occupied now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I suppose if the Land Records Office is also shifted all the available space will be occupied.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there not one full block and a portion of the other block unoccupied?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Three blocks have been completely occupied and one block remains and there is also part of another block.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—And the whole space is necessary for locating the Land Records Office?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The remaining space will be necessary for locating the Land Records Office.

Anchal Offices.

221. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many Anchal Offices are there in the State ;

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(2) how many of them are pucca offices and how many, branch offices ;

(3) had the Government ever had the occasion to abolish a branch office once opened ;

(4) are there not places in the Cochin State where letters are delivered by the Anchal Department 4 and 5 days after posting?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Seventy-one.

(2) 34 Head and Sub-offices and 37 Branch offices.

(3) Yes.

(4) No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to say how many days it will take for a letter posted here to reach Meenakshipuram?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sub-division (3). How many were abandoned after opening and in what places?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—What happens is this. New offices are opened under a guarantee and if there is any deficit and if the person who has offered the guarantee is not willing to renew it, then automatically we stop work. There might have been several instances of the kind. I cannot enumerate them.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Therefore, am I to understand that the abolition was due to lack of guarantee?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. Whenever a new office is opened we always take a guarantee and if it fails or if there is any deficit in the Branch Office it will be closed.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Am I to infer that no office is closed for want of work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It means the same thing. If there is work there will be persons to guarantee.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Have there not been repeated applications from the Koonamoochi people offering guarantees as well?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't remember if there was any guarantee. If there was a guarantee there was no cause for refusing that request. I don't know whether there are any special circumstances in this case.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Am I to understand that if there is a reasonable guarantee and if there is a request it will be opened?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. It will be opened.

Notification of appointment of Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.

222. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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